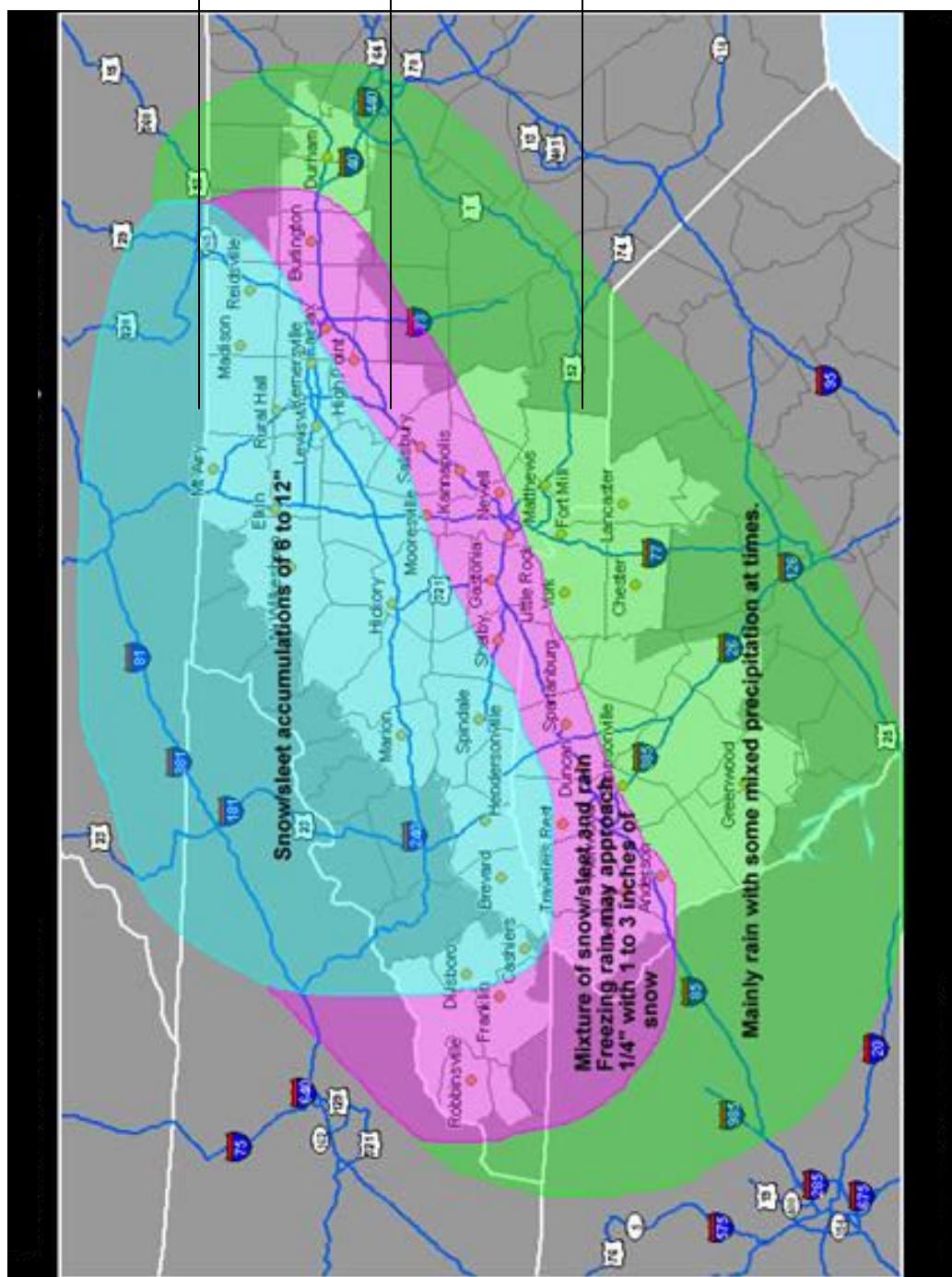


Winter Storm Advisory/Warning



Duke Energy Meteorology (Forecast for 12/18-thru-12/19)

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Heavy wet snow across the mountains and foothills, and potential ice accumulations along the I-85 corridor will lead to power outages in IOU and Electric Membership service areas. In addition to the wintry precipitation, gusty winds are expected to develop across the region with northeasterly breezes of 10-20 mph and gusts to 30 mph, enhancing the risk of power outages, and deteriorating travel conditions during late Friday afternoon and into Saturday morning. NC Department of Transportation anti-icing operations along critical corridors are well underway. Personnel, equipment, salt/sand and additional resources are readied for de-icing and snow removal operations if needed. For real-time information on road conditions, visit www.ncdot.org and click on “Travel & Maps” or call 511, the state’s toll-free travel information line.